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TELEGRAMS.

CHINA IN TRANSITION.

JAPANESE ACTIVITY.

[Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, Mar. 8, 9.35 a.m.

The most important northern cities are being looted.

Japanese troops are flooding into the country.

PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION.

The Provisional Government at Nanking agrees to the inauguration of Yuan Shih-kai as President at Peking, but insists that he shall appoint his Premier, who must proceed to Nanking to form a provisional Cabinet, with the approval of the Assembly.

After this decision in regard to the site of the capital will be arrived at.

THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

Shanghai, March 7.

President Yuan Shih-kai has sent Tung Choy-lai and three other officials to Nanking to discuss the formation of the new government.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen has telegraphed Vice-President Li Yuan-hung to proceed to Nanking to take part in the discussion.

A STRANGE REPORT.

A German in Kioochia has telegraphed to Peking expressing his intention to become a naturalized subject of China.

President Yuan Shih-kai has ordered the Board of the Interior to consider his application.

A LOAN POSTPONED.

The loan to the Peking Government by the Russo-Asiatic Bank has been postponed on account of the trouble in Peking.

PAOTINGFU MUTINEERS.

The British-American Tobacco Company's premises in Paotingfu have been destroyed by the mutineers.

ADVICE FROM MANCHURIA.

Chao Ech-hsun, and Chin Chin-sheung, have jointly telegraphed to President Yuan Shih-kai and Dr. Sun Yat-sen, that they favour the formation of the new Government in Peking, which would facilitate the suppression of the mutineers in the North.

THE NEW PREMIER.

Both Dr. Sun Yat-sen and President Yuan Shih-kai consider that Tang Shao-yi should be elected President of the new Cabinet.—"Shat Po."

TELEGRAMS.

COAL CRISIS.

NEGOTIATIONS RESUMED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, Mar. 8, 8.35 a.m.

The Board of Trade has announced that negotiations with both parties are to be resumed this afternoon.—Reuter.

KING'S PLANS UPSET.

London, Mar. 7, 8.30 p.m.

It is understood that the coal crisis is affecting the King's plans to the extent that several prospective engagements, including state visits to foreign Courts, will not be definitely arranged while the unrest remains acute.

If the deadlock continues, some engagements will almost certainly be postponed.—Reuter.

STUDENTS AS MINERS.

London, March 7, 4.20 a.m.

Oxford undergraduates have formed a strike emergency committee and are endeavouring to obtain permission to work the mines. Three hundred and sixty have enrolled.

RAILWAYS SUFFER.

Many towns are reducing their lighting and water supplies owing to the strike. The London and North Western Railway has reduced its service to the statutory minimum, which means the suspension of thousands of employees.

Telegrams from the continent indicate restriction of steamship services from Norway, Germany and France and of increased freights owing to insufficient coal.

NO HOPEFUL SIGN.

Mr. Asquith and his colleagues met the miners' executive in the afternoon. The miners are prepared to attend further conferences if desired, but it is understood that the conferences show no lessening of the differences between them and the owners.—Reuter.

LABOUR MEMBERS MOVE.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and other Labour members of Parliament conferred with the miners' executive yesterday, in connection with, it is believed, the drain upon the resources of other trade unions on account of enforced unemployment.

FEARS OF CONFLICT.

Radical newspapers are loudest in demanding from the Government immediate action to end this fratricidal war, declaring that a needless extension of the stoppage may easily lead to conflict between the miners and fellow-workers.

It is stated that the Amalgamated Society of Railwaymen has prohibited a meeting arranged by the London branch for the purpose of pledging railwaymen not to move troops or coal trains.

TELEGRAMS.

THE SOUTH POLE.

WAS IT REACHED?

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 7, 3.35 p.m.

The "Daily Express" correspondent at Wellington states that Captain Amundsen, the Polar explorer who has just returned, says that Captain Scott has reached the South Pole.

A MORE LIKELY STORY.

London, Mar. 7, 11.45 a.m.

Captain Amundsen has sold the copyright of his exploits to the "Daily Chronicle" and hence refuses to speak.

The keenest interest is taken in the results because it is known that he hoped to forestall Captain Scott who is also returning and is expected at Stewart Island, New Zealand, at any moment.—Reuter.

WAS AMUNDSEN FIRST?

London, Mar. 7, 10 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Christiania reports that the newspaper "Social Demokraten" says that a private individual has received a telegram from the Fram expedition to the effect that Captain Amundsen reached the South Pole.

A RUMOUR.

Reuter's correspondent at Wellington says there is an unconfirmed rumour to the effect that Captain Amundsen says that Captain Scott reached the Pole.—Reuter.

EXPLORER'S RETURN.

London, March 7, 4.35 p.m.

A message from Hobart, the capital of Tasmania, reports the arrival of Captain Amundsen, the explorer, who, however, is reticent regarding his experiences.—(Reuter.)

CANTON NEWS.

(The "Telegraph" Correspondent.)

Canton, March 7.

Chan Kwang-ming, Governor-General of Canton, is deeply concerned over the trouble in Peking, and has ordered a detachment of the artillery corps to be in readiness to march upon Peking in case the trouble should assume a more serious aspect.

The Governor-General has issued a proclamation stating that, owing to the dangerous character of the bombs that were issued to the troops, all soldiers either in service or those who had been disbanded should surrender the bombs to the authorities within fifteen days. In future those secretly manufacturing bombs or having them in their possession would be severely punished.

Another serious clan fight took place on the 4th inst., between the villagers of Shiochung and Si Lam in the Shan Tsak district. Ever since fighting has continued and many have been killed or wounded. Over 100 houses in Siu Chung village have been destroyed by fire. Commander Mak, in command of the troops in the district, has personally led a force to maintain order.

TELEGRAMS.

BRITISH TRADE.

FEBRUARY FIGURES.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, Mar. 8, 7.10 a.m.

The Board of Trade announces that the imports during February show an increase of £3,648,463 and the exports of £1,837,200. The latter increase is chiefly of steel and iron manufactures. The export of cotton has decreased by £54,751.—Reuter.

HOME POLITICS.

BUSINESS PRESSURE.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, Mar. 8, 7.10 a.m.

In the House of Commons Mr. Asquith announced that the exigencies of Parliamentary business rendered it impossible to introduce the Home Rule Bill before Easter. (Loud Opposition cheers.)

He hoped that the Budget and the Welsh Disestablishment Bill would be passed before Easter.—Reuter.

SUFFRAGIST OUTBREAK.

MORE ARRESTS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 7, 11.45 a.m.

The suffragists to-day indulged in more window-smashing, including those of the firms of Gorrings and Jay.

A number of arrests have been made.—Reuter.

THE MISSING LADY.

London, March 7, 4.20 a.m.

Detectives are scouring London in search of Christabel Pankhurst, who up to the present has not been discovered.—Reuter.

CHINA AND FINANCE.

American Banking Group.

Mr. H. P. McKnight of Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co., New York Bankers, who has acted as secretary of the American Banking Group since it began to participate in financial operations in China, arrived in Shanghai yesterday on the Tseny Maru, says the "China Press" of March 2 and continues: Mr. McKnight comes to China to relieve Mr. Willard Straight as special representative of the American Group. He probably will remain in his country a year or so.

The arrival of Mr. McKnight, it was stated, does not imply that Mr. Straight will cease active participation in operations of the Group in the Far East. Mr. Straight's presence is required in New York and Europe, and he will leave Peking soon after Mr. McKnight arrives there and takes charge of the Peking office. Mr. McKnight acted as secretary of the conference held in London last year to settle details of the Chinese currency loan, and has made a special study of the financial situation of this country.

Dr. T. J. N. Gattrel, Chinese secretary of the American Banking Group, arrived here yesterday from Peking. Dr. Gattrel made the trip chiefly to recuperate from an illness, and also to meet Mr. McKnight. Both expect to remain in Shanghai a few days. Mr. Straight has reached Peking again, having proceeded from Manila via Nagasaki.

TELEGRAMS.

IMPERIAL WIRELESS.

CONTRACT ARRANGED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, March 7, 10.25 p.m.

The Marconi Company announces that the Government today accepted the Company's terms for the construction of all the wireless stations in the Imperial wireless scheme.

Construction at the following stations will be begun forthwith:—England, Cyprus or Egypt, Aden, Bangalore, South Africa and Singapore.

It is anticipated that others will follow shortly.—Reuter.

SECRETARY KNOX.

INFAMOUS SUGGESTION.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, March 7, 4.20 a.m.

A New York message states that two newspapers in Nicaragua published letters suggesting the dynamiting of Secretary Knox on the 28th ult. The whole of the editorial staffs of the two papers concerned, numbering fifty, were arrested till Secretary Knox departed.—Reuter.

TROUBLE FEARED.

London, March 7, 2.15 p.m.

The General Staff at Washington has prepared plans for the mobilisation of one hundred thousand troops on the Mexican border owing to apprehensions of danger to Americans in Mexico.—Reuter.

HEALTH AND LEISURE.

Where the man of leisure scores in his ability to study and conform to the codes of health routine. For the strenuous hustler the pages of a health-book are merely tantalising. If you are, like ourselves, a captain of industry in the forefront of the battle of life, you will read that penny handbook which the Council of Hygiene has just issued, and you will sigh, "Retire early, and rise early," runs one extract, "Sleep is a great restorative, and its best influence is secured before midnight," which simply means that if you are a busy man, accustomed to put off writing your letters until bed-time, you can never attend the first night of the Drury Lane pantomime without erring as a pistolary correspondent. More than that. If you examine into the lives of those whose work has made them famous, you will notice that they invariably had breakfast in bed. Did Descartes, that master of scientific progress, dash off eggless for a dip in the Serpentine? No. He rose about midday. Here is another example of the hygienic disabilities of the man of affairs. "See that your food," says the handbook, "is nutritious, digestible, and adapted to your age, work, and character. A simple, light, and varied diet is best for health." Imagine a railway porter, aged forty, rushing all down Regent-street, from one clairvoyant to another, in order to grasp his character thoroughly before sitting down to supper. He would get the sack, and that would be the most get-up-hygienic thing that could possibly happen to him.—The "Globe."

TELEGRAMS.

BRITAIN'S FORCES.

OVERSEAS TROOPS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 7, 9.35 a.m.

Speaking in the House of Commons with regard to the overseas troops generally, Colonel Seely said that the Government was satisfied that they were adequate. The numbers were not fixed for all time, as circumstances might arise necessitating reinforcements, but nothing pointed at present to that.

SOUTH AFRICAN GARRISON.

Several Liberal members urged the withdrawal of the South African garrison, and Colonel Seely replied that the Government had not proposed to withdraw the garrison there this year, because at most this very day the Union Parliament was discussing its own Defence Bill.—Reuter.

JAPANESE ARMY MANŒUVRES.

A French Impression.

The "Revue Militaire des Armées Etrangères" publishes a long account of the Japanese manoeuvres for 1911. The writer says that the two principal things to be noted are: first the preparation for the operations down to the smallest detail; and finally the intensity of the offensive spirit shown on all occasions. "As regards the offensive spirit, it shows itself in every movement and in every order. Even if the order to retire is given, it is merely to form a preliminary to attack. The troops never waited to be attacked in entrenched positions, and the chief action between the two opposing sides took place, invariably, midway between their positions. The attacks, conducted with the greatest vigour, always ended in hand-to-hand fighting, the chief object being to get at the enemy and to attack him with the bayonet, but little use was made of field implements. The reserves, in small numbers, consisted principally of infantry and engineers, with cavalry for those units not placed on the flank of an attack. The use of heavy artillery, as a support to field and mountain artillery, is regarded as normal, the proportion of heavy to field artillery being as 1 to 5. Advanced guards were formed of from one-third to a quarter of the infantry of the column, of as much cavalry as possible, of from two to three batteries per division of engineers, a medical detachment, and sometimes a bridging section. The fronts of divisions, contrary to the practice of 1900, were reduced to 3 kilometres. Very great importance was attached to the preliminary adoption of a formation prior to attack, at 2 or 3 kilometres from the enemy. This formation was generally taken up at night, so as to deliver the attack in the morning. The fire discipline was excellent, and the endurance of the troops was remarkable in spite of the cold nights and the very exhaustive attacks. A very remarkable fact in the manoeuvres was the interest and enthusiasm they excited in the districts in which they took place."

TELEGRAMS.

OBITUARY.

BERMUDA'S GOVERNOR.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, Mar. 8, 7.10 a.m.

Lieut.-Gen. Walter Kitchener C.B., Governor of the Bermudas has died after an operation for appendicitis.—Reuter.

LI YUAN HUNG.

China's National Hero.

A correspondent, writing to the "Manchester Guardian," remarks concerning General Li Yuan-hung:—

It is said of Li Yuan-hung, who headed the revolutionary outbreak at Hankow, that during the revolution he has averaged no more than three hours' sleep a day. Li is a hard worker and no waster of time. There is a strong feeling among Chinese residents in Central China that he should have been offered the Presidency; and it is thought that his position as Vice-President is not sufficiently important for one who has played such a unique part in the revolution, and with such conspicuous ability. But personally he is not perturbed. Li Yuan-hung is a man with whom the Republican party of China would be ill advised to come to loggerheads.

Very little has been written about Li Yuan-hung. Four months ago he was merely a name, meaningless even to Chinese. When the revolution broke out in Wuhan Li Yuan-hung was merely an ordinary military officer. He had, so it would appear, no very great ambitions, but by his fidelity to small things in life, by his sound soldiering, and his all-round knowledge of the things that in his profession really mattered, he laid the foundation of great achievements. In his younger days Li was known among his confederates as one who was thorough in all things; if he set out to do a thing he did it well. There was nothing slipshod about him. In engineering he excelled; he took more than the usual amount of interest in men and things that daily came his way. Not that there was any inducement held out to him more than the satisfaction of being able to say that his duty had been done. And in this respect Li Yuan-hung, both in his earlier days and later when he entered the Naval College at Tientsin, and further on in life became the student of Admiral Saito, was the exception to the ordinary Chinese. In the China in which Li received his early training the rule was to do as little as possible, put on as much "side" as possible, "squeeze" as much as possible, and, no matter how little you knew, appear to know as much as possible. Li was the opposite of this. He stuck to his duties wherever he was. He made great progress, and for his pains in taking to western subjects was looked upon by Chinese generally as one having a special "kink" in his mind, for his habits of going about his daily round assiduously were foreign to those who looked on. He had been to Japan for a year or so, to the practice of 1900, were reduced to 3 kilometres. Very great importance was attached to the preliminary adoption of a formation prior to attack, at 2 or 3 kilometres from the enemy. This formation was generally taken up at night, so as to deliver the attack in the morning. The fire discipline was excellent, and the endurance of the troops was remarkable in spite of the cold nights and the very exhaustive attacks. A very remarkable fact in the manoeuvres was the interest and enthusiasm they excited in the districts in which they took place."

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OUR
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WHAT THEY THINK.

China Mail.

What's in a Name?

Shakespeare it was who asked
the immortal question, "What's
in a name?" and answered it with
the retort that "a rose by any
other name would smell as
sweet;" and to-day one involuntarily
finds the old query rising to
the lips when Earl Grey advises
the Royal Colonial Institute to
change its name if it wishes to
become a real factor and a home
in England for the Overseas men.
The Royal Colonial Institute was
founded in 1863 and incorporat-
ed by Royal Charter in
1882. During last year 834
new Fellows were elected, whilst
in the previous year the additions
numbered 725, making 1,550 for
the past two years, thus bringing
the total membership up to over
5,000. It would seem then that
up to the present the Institute has
been a very flourishing concern,
but according to Earl Grey, who
speaks with seven years' ex-
perience as Governor-General of
Canada, its name is objectionable
to dwellers in the Overseas
Dominions. It may be so, for we
live in a dissatisfied world, a
world that is fond of change often
merely for the sake of change,
and one without much respect for
old traditions. But what we should
like to know is the name which
Earl Grey would substitute for
Colonial in the title of the In-
stitute.

Daily Press.

Chinese and Self-Government.

It is too much to ask the
average Chinese to elect a govern-
ment for the whole country or for
the whole province, but he might
easily assimilate the idea of self-
government for his own district,
and would, we believe, soon prove
himself capable of taking an
intelligent part in municipal
politics either as elector or elected.
Then, instead of financial and
administrative control being in
the hands of one man, living in
seclusion in his own yamen,
they would be managed by the
committees of the elected
District Council, the members of
which would be well-known local
men, liable to be closely watched
by their fellow-townsmen. It
would be far more difficult for
speculation and corruption to take
place when affairs were in the
hands of a committee of a dozen
or so members, and the publicity
that would be a corollary of
management by an elected com-
mittee or council would be an
even stronger check. We believe
that such a system of local
government by elected councils
is feasible, and that there would
be found men ready to undertake
the duties of Town or District
Councilors, even without pay-
ment. We do not expect a
sudden change of national
character to result, and every
Chinese to become incorruptible,
but we do think that corruption
would be much more difficult
under such a system, and that
the change could not but have a
healthy influence.

South China Morning Post.

The British Army.

There may be individuals who
profess misgivings concerning
the Empire's military strength.
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sigh for the glorious past and a
still deeper sigh for what they
fear to be the ignominious
future. But pessimism is the
hobby of these men. Their
greatest grievance would be not
to have a grievance. They would
be quite disappointed to read
Colonel Seely's observations in
the House of Commons, in which
he has proved conclusively that
Great Britain does not put all her
faith into the Navy alone. She
has an army which is far from
being a back number, either in
training or equipment. The
field artillery, he said, is at least
as good as the French and super-
ior to that of other Powers, and
generally the regulars are better
armed than any continental forces.
It is perhaps as well only the
regulars are referred to in
this connection.

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THE COMING LANDSLIDE.

To all appearances political Britain is on the eve of a landslide as great as that which overwhelmed the Unionist party in 1906. The defeat of Sir Arthur Balfour at South Manchester is as complete and surprising as was that, under parallel circumstances, of Mr. G. W. C. Loder at Brighton in 1905. The Liberals found in that defeat the handwriting on the wall; will they be as ready to accept the plain meaning of the inscription now? The present Government has finally and completely divorced from itself the sympathy of the electors. Legislation passed and legislation proposed is alike spurned as unwelcome by the country.

The Insurance Bill has helped largely to contribute to the loss of faith in the Government, and the unwarranted proposals to introduce Home Rule and Welsh Disestablishment Bills are proving its final undoing. Assuming that it had a mandate for the introduction of Home Rule—a huge assumption which we do not admit since the last two elections were fought on the question of the veto—it had none for Welsh Disestablishment. Whether the church of England in Wales is, or is not, disestablished and disendowed counts for very little to residents in Hongkong. They have a pallid interest in the question for the most part. Yet we believe they will be startled as we confess to having been by some facts set out in a speech by the Bishop of St. Asaph. It appears that the Liberals, who profess to be trying to strengthen the Church, propose to take eighteen shillings and sixpence from every pound of the Church funds, and to leave the Church the remaining eight shillings and sixpence to do its work. That means that in the diocese of St. Asaph a hundred and twenty parishes would be stripped absolutely bare, and these parishes, as the Bishop points out, are the most remote and the poorest country parishes. The same holds good in other parts of the Principality. In one parish which the Bishop mentioned the present incumbent receives £240 a year. Under disendowment, his successor would have £5 a year. This is robbery of the most impudent and bare-faced character, aggravated by cant about doing the church good. Is it any wonder that the country is showing in plain and unmistakable terms, its disgust with proposed legislation so unwarranted and so revolting?

A Government which thus muddles matters at home is not a Government which the Colonies can trust very greatly. The sooner it is out the better. But will it face the plain truth that it has long since lost the confidence of the country and resign? Or will it cling to power unmindful of the wishes of the electorate and the expressed mind of the electorate? Mr. Asquith would no doubt counsel questioners to "wait and see," which is about as satisfying a reply as any of the Liberal Ministers ever gives to a straight question.

BY BY DAY.

Most of the troubles of life are the result of our own actions.

To-day's Paper.

Naverian's notes on sport appear on page 8. Woman's World is on page 3 and interesting telegrams in regard to the quest for the South Pole, the Coal Crisis and the situation in the North will be found on page 1.

The German mail of February 6, was delivered in London, on March 7.

A fine of \$5 or seven days was imposed on a man, at the Magistracy, to-day for causing an obstruction.

Mr. Harry L. Giller, Secretary and General Manager of the "North China Daily News," is at present in Hongkong, en route to England.

Several more dead bodies have been found by the police in different parts of the Colony. In two instances death was due to small-pox.

At the Magistracy, this morning, a coolie was sentenced to fourteen days, for the larceny of three iron bars from 437, Reclamation Street.

At the Magistracy, this morning, three men were remanded on a charge of being in unlawful possession of seventeen and a half catties of leather.

Two Chinese were charged at the Magistracy, this morning, with stealing a tool from H. M. S. Newcastle. One of the men was discharged, and the other was sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour.

The Japanese General Staff Office has recently completed the gigantic task of compiling a comprehensive history of the Russo-Japanese war, after years of hard labour, and at great expense. Since the appearance of the work, some foreigners have applied to the Imperial Government for the right of translating it, which application, it is said, has been complied with by the authorities. The "Japan Times" reports that Major-General Corvisart, who was till recently a Military Attaché of the French Embassy in Tokyo, has obtained the privilege, and has already begun the translation.

Hotel de France (Manila).
The report of the Board of the Hotel de France Co. (Manila) for the period April 1 to Dec. 31, 1911 shows that the profit amounted to Pesos 18,731.01.

Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.

At the approaching annual meeting of shareholders the Directors will recommend a dividend for the past half year at the rate of 15 per cent. per annum free of income tax, that £25,000 be added to Reserve Fund (making £1,650,000), £10,000 to Officer's Superannuation Fund, £30,000 written off Premises Account, 10 per cent. bonus on salaries of staff and £128,451 14: 6d. carried forward.

Unclaimed Telegrams.
The following is a list of unclaimed telegrams lying in the Great Northern Telegraph Company's Office at Hongkong:—Chongking; Chongking-loong; Mercor; Gohkong; Sienyu; Hang-sing-tai; Hirose; Iquique; Kero-pot; Kwanton; Kwongheeyin; Monteith; Hongkong Hotel; More; Astor; Teroster; Wan-bing-chung; Stanton; Wangchun-chun; Hotel Chonhio; Yojyomaru. 0022 3883 1344 7127, (2) 0022 3883 2212 2052. 0437 2504. 1684 4382 5281 1129 6070 0022. 2480 0342 3152 5887. 2494 7127. 2905. 1505. 3057. 2400 4009. 3300 1344 5894 0337 0017 0448.

SUPPOSED SUICIDE.

Opium Poisoning Suggested.

A woman was found dead in bed in a house in Buckley Street, Hung Han, yesterday. The police surmise that she committed suicide by taking an overdose of opium. The drug and pipe was found by the bed side. Her body was conveyed to the mortuary.

CORONATION CELEBRATION FUND.

Final Statement.

We have received from Mr. N. J. Stabb, hon. treasurer of the King George Coronation Celebration Fund, the final statement of accounts. This statement, which is dated March 7, shows that the balance as per last statement was \$26,151.08, which with the interest to date, \$51.34, made a total of \$26,202.32. The disbursements made since the last statement amounted to \$546.48 and the surplus of \$25,655.84 had been distributed as follows:—Chairman, Seamen's Institute \$11,456.34; Chairman, Kwong Wa Hospital \$9,802.34; Chairman, Soldiers' and Sailors' Home \$1,401.16.

A SERIOUS ACT.

Throwing a Body Overboard.

Two Chinese, employed on the s.s. Vestfold, Wong Tai and Chan Shing-kwai, were charged at the Marine Court, before Commander C. W. Bockwith, with unlawfully casting a dead body into the waters of the Colony on Feb. 5.

L. S. Wills stated that he received information of the act, and he subsequently heard of the recovery of a dead body, the description of which tallied with that of the body alleged to have been thrown overboard.

According to a Chinese seaman on board the vessel, a stowaway died on board on Tuesday last, and Chan Shing-kwai wrapped the body in a blanket and with others threw it overboard.

Defendants denied all knowledge of the affair, but were found guilty and sentenced to one month's hard labour.

SECRET SOCIETY.

Thirty-six Members of the "Triad" on Trial.

At the Magistracy, this afternoon, thirty-six men were charged with being members of a secret society known as the "Triad." The leaders were Wong Sui-lam and Chong Kwai who, it was alleged, kept a house in Tsui Un Lane, Wanchai, for the purposes of the Society.

Mr. Hodgson, the assistant Crown Solicitor, in his opening statement said that since the case was remanded last month he had been instructed by the Registrar-General to prosecute. He regarded the case as one of great importance, though he did not propose to open it at great length as he thought he would have very little difficulty in proving that the society was an illegal one, and was a Triad society known by the name of Kwong Tung Wo. Several documents had been placed before his Worship and if it were necessary—though he did not think it would be—he could put in many more documents which would conclusively prove that this society was unlawful and that the members met in this house for the purpose of carrying on the society. Mr. Crowe, for the defence, would suggest that the men were there for gambling purposes only. He would not deny that gambling was taking place when the police visited the house but that did not set aside the fact that the place was used for the assembly of the members of this secret and unlawful society. His contention was that the house in question was used for the purposes of the society.

Sergeant Gerrard deposed to raiding the premises and finding signs, flags, and correspondence concerning the Society. He had had information that nightly meetings were held there and when he entered the place on a gambling warrant he found the Triad society was carried on there.

In answer to Mr. Hodgson, witness said that he could not identify the men who were found in the building.

Mr. John Lloyd, assistant to the Registrar General, said he had heard of the society but since 1910, when the Registrar General made a special effort to break up the society, he did not know where the members held their meetings. In 1910 they met in Queen Victoria Street but were dispersed.

Proceeding.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S FAREWELL.

Members' Glowing Tributes.

Yesterday afternoon His Excellency, Sir F. Lugard, took formal leave of the Legislative Council over which he presided for the last time. All the speeches for the last time. All the speeches betokened general and sincere regret at his departure, and a touch of genuine emotion in His Excellency's expression of thanks for what had been said, showed that he also felt keenly the prospect of leaving Hongkong.

His Excellency said:—Before adjourning the Council, as this is the last occasion on which I shall occupy the chair, to my very great regret, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the hon. members of this Council, and more especially the unofficial members, for the great consideration and courtesy which they have at all times extended to me. During the past five years, or approaching five years, which I have had the privilege of presiding over this Council we have passed a great deal of legislation, some of which, I venture to think, is very important legislation to the Colony. We have taken up more than one subject, which had lain over for long periods of years, and I hope we have dealt with them satisfactorily. Those have involved very heavy demands on the time of members of this Council, especially during the past year, but debates, however controversial the subject might be, have always been conducted without any friction and with the utmost good will. The reason has been, I think, because every member has had the same object in view, and that object has been solely the public good and the way in which the Council could promote it.

I do not in any way propose to review the events of the last few years which have all had their reflex action in the Council, more especially in the matters of the finance of the Colony, which is annually reviewed when the estimates come up for presentation to the Council, but I may recall that those years, while I have been in the Colony, have been years of considerable financial difficulty. We have had to face some very heavy expenditure, and we have not had a very prosperous state of trade, which has had its effect on the revenue of the Colony. We have had to meet very heavy expenditure on the railway, but I am extremely glad that before my time in the Colony has entirely passed, the railway has been opened. I may inform the Council that we have drawn up in conjunction with the negotiator appointed by the Chinese Government what I hope will be a very satisfactory working agreement. The unrest lately in China has caused a temporary suspension of the final ratification of that agreement, but I have every reason to hope that the final ratification will be completed soon, since it has been negotiated and agreed to by the representatives of the Peking Government. In spite of our financial difficulties we have in hand very costly works, the typhoon refuge, a work of enormous importance, which I trust will be carried out successfully and not give rise to any controversy, as so many other public works have done regarding excess of expenditure or any other similar criticisms. In the New Territory considerable improvement has been made in the matter of communication and, as you know, the road is completed now from Castle Peak via Pingshan, right through to Shantaukok on the north eastern frontier. The latter part between Lowu and Shantaukok is now covered by a light railway. I think on the whole, therefore, we may consider that the finances of the Colony are not in an unfavourable condition, all things considered. We are embarking this year on that long deferred and most necessary scheme, the provision of another reservoir at Tytam Tuk.

It is with keenest regret that I am vacating this seat, and in doing so I cannot wish this Council any better wish than that your deliberations in future shall be conducted as they have been, ever since I have known them, with good will and with the same

object of furthering the public good.

With these words, gentlemen, I shall take leave of you. (Applause.)

Dr. Ho Kai bore eloquent testimony to His Excellency's good qualities, and remarked that by his promotion and transfer to a much more important and higher post in the Empire, the Colony had sustained a great and irreparable loss. It was just about five years ago that Sir Frederick's appointment as Governor of Hongkong was announced. They had at that time high expectations of him, and those expectations had been fully realised and even surpassed. The debates in Council had been always conducted with decorum and good will, a result largely due to His Excellency's tact and courtesy.

After reviewing some of the works carried out during His Excellency's stay, the speaker concluded:—I cannot conclude, sir, without expressing my great admiration for the able and successful manner in which you have preserved the peace and good order of the Colony during a most difficult time.

In my humble opinion no one could have succeeded so well as yourself, and this is due largely to your having won the respect and complete confidence of the Chinese, and your Excellency's great sympathy with them in all their legitimate aspirations and undertakings. In saying good bye I wish you and Lady Lugard health, prosperity and happiness, and may Your Excellency, in your new field of labour, where your distinguished and valuable services are so much needed by your King and country, achieve even greater success than you have done while you have stayed in Hongkong.

The Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, cordially endorsed his colleague's remarks, and the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., after speaking of the many public works carried out during His Excellency's tenure of office said that the University would be a lasting memorial to his stay among them. "You will be shortly returning," remarked Mr. Pollock, to the field of your former distinguished labours in Nigeria, and we are confident you will gain further laurels in the service of the Empire. (Applause.)

The Hon. Mr. E. Osborne remarked that comparisons were always odious, but he could hardly refrain from drawing a comparison between the somewhat acrimonious debates which had taken place in the Council in past years, and the good feeling that had always characterised the relations between official and unofficial members of the Council. He thought that good fellowship was entirely due to the accessibility of His Excellency to all classes of the community.

His Excellency speaking with emotion, said:—I am at a loss to find any words in which I can thank you sufficiently for the kind phrases which have been used about myself. I can only say I feel them very deeply and I shall treasure them for the rest of my life. (Applause.)

THE INSPECTOR AND THE DOG.

Case Dismissed.

Mr. R. J. Howard, the proprietor of the Alexandra Cafe, was summoned before Mr. Magistrate this morning, at the instance of Leung Man-ying, an inspector in the employ of the Gas Company, who alleged that defendant kept a ferocious dog that bit him.

From the evidence it appeared the complainant went into the compound of defendant's house in Pokfulam Road on Feb. 29 with the intention of taking a reading of the meter, but ere he could reach the house he was caught by the leg by one of the dogs owned by the defendant.

Defendant contended that complainant should have knocked before entering the compound. He had been there for three years, and had had the dogs practically the whole of the time and no-one had ever been bitten before. The dogs were not ferocious.

The case was dismissed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(The opinions expressed by our correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.

The Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."

Dear Sir,—In view of the fact that the Committee of Investigation appointed in regard to the above Company, has deemed it desirable to circulate its Report to the Shareholders without reference to what we think may fairly be considered a reasonable request made by us in regard thereto, we would ask you to kindly publish the following copy of the letter addressed by Mr. T. M. Jones on the 4th inst. to Mr. E. A. M. Williams of the firm of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews on behalf of the above mentioned Committee:—

E. A. M. Williams, Esq., for the Committee of Investigation of the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.

Dear Sir, In reference to your letter of the 1st instant to which I shortly replied on the same day, I have the honour to advise you that I have perused the Report of the Committee that you sent me, and would respectfully request that you do not deal further with this Report or circulate it in any way, until you have received the General Managers' replies and comments thereon.

You will readily admit, I feel sure, that for shareholders to come to an impartial and unbiased opinion over the controversy that has arisen, it is necessary that they should have laid before them besides the indictment or charges against the General Managers a full statement of the General Managers' own explanations and such refutation as they may be able to put forward.

As it has taken the Committee many months of study and consultation to arrive at the conclusion it has, and as embodied in the Report submitted, the General Managers should be allowed a reasonable time to draw up a reply thereto, and we should feel obliged if you would kindly give an assurance that such will be done before you deal further with, or take any action under, the Report.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) C. A. Tomes.
As the request contained in the above letter was denied, we would respectfully ask all concerned to suspend their opinion and judgment until they have received from us as General Managers of the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., our statement in reply to the statement contained in the Report of the Committee of Investigation above referred to.

Yours faithfully,
Shewan Tomes & Co.,
General Managers,
Green Island Cement Co.,
Limited.

Hongkong, March 7.

Additional Correspondence.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."

Dear Sir,—Kindly publish the following complete correspondence for the information of shareholders.

Yours faithfully,
H. E. Pollock, Esq.,
For the Committee.

Hongkong, March 8, 1912.

Hongkong, March 1, 1912.

Private.
C. A. Tomes, Esq., Hongkong.

Green Island Cement Co. Ltd.

(Investigation.)

Dear Sir,—I am directed by my Committee to lend to you the enclosed draft of their report to the shareholders.

The Committee are desirous that they shall not be guilty of any mis-statement of fact and it is with the object of obviating this that the report is sent to you for any comments you may have to make in this connection before the report is sent to shareholders.

I am directed to ask you to be good enough to return the draft to me before noon on Monday, the 4th instant.—Yours faithfully,
(Sd.) E. A. M. Williams,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 4, 1912.

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(Signed) G. A. Tomes.

Hongkong, March 4, 1912.

E. A. M. Williams, Esq., for the Committee of Investigation of the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.

Dear Sir,—Information has within the last few days reached us which goes to show that your Committee has been for some months clandestinely and secretly soliciting Powers of Attorney, or voting proxies, from shareholders in this Company under the plea that in its judgment the General Management of the Company should be abolished, or at any rate its charge taken from under the care of the present General Managers. We wish to protest warmly against this action of the Committee as being notably in error and unfair and in excess of its authority, and quite beyond the scope of the resolution passed at the last annual meeting which called the Committee into being. This spirit of unfairness we much deplore, and are impelled to hope that once attention has been called to it the Committee will see how utterly wrong it would be to make use of these improperly acquired powers, and especially until the shareholders have had an opportunity of hearing what the General Managers have to say. It is unnecessary to add that no movement whatever of this nature has been attempted by the General Managers.—We are, Dear Sir, Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) Showan, Tomes & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, March 6, 1912.

Messrs. Showan Tomes & Co., General Managers, Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Williams has handed to us your letter to him of the 4th instant and also Mr. Tomes' letter to him of the same date.

Your letter seems to suggest that the scope of the inquiry should be limited to a mere academic discussion of the Company's affairs and you protest against the Committee acquiring voting power as a means of rendering the recommendations in their Report effective.

The Committee feel confident that the shareholders will not endorse your view.

The draft Report having been submitted to Mr. Tomes as a matter of courtesy for the correction of any unintentional misstatement of fact and not for criticism by the General Managers, we regret that we cannot accede to the requests contained in Mr. Tomes' letter and are to-day circulating our Report to the shareholders by whom we were appointed.

We shall be much obliged if you will kindly inform us by 4 o'clock on Friday afternoon next, the 8th instant (by a letter written to us and sent to the Office of Mr. Pollock) whether you are prepared to accept all or any and if so which of the recommendations as set forth in our Report.—In the interest of shareholders we feel it our duty to ask for an early reply on this point.—Yours faithfully,

J. W. Noble, E. Osborne, H. E. Pollock.

Hongkong, March 7, 1912.
The Committee of Investigation of the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd. Present.

Dear Sirs,—We have for acknowledgment yours of the 6th instant, from which we note that for the reasons theretofore stated—which we think can scarcely be considered adequate—the Committee decline to accede to our request that they should withhold their Report from circulation among the Shareholders so as to enable us to lay before the Shareholders at the same time as the Report our Statement as General Managers in answer to the Report; we regret that the Committee have felt it necessary to adopt this attitude.

In reply to your request that we should inform you by 4 o'clock on Friday afternoon next, the 8th instant, (i.e. to-morrow) whether we are prepared to accept all or any, and if so, which of the recommendations set forth in your Report, we would say that we are proceeding to prepare a Statement in regard to the Report which the Committee have circulated (in which Statement all important matters contained in such Report will be dealt with) and that the preparation of such Statement—though not so weighty a matter as that of the Report—will necessarily take some little time and certainly cannot be ready by 4 p.m. to-morrow.

We feel sure that in view of the steps which the Committee deemed it desirable to take some months before circulating their Report—concerning which steps complaint was made in the second letter to you of the 4th instant—they will readily appreciate how important it is to ourselves to refrain from acting over-hastily at the juncture.—Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) Showan, Tomes & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, March 8 1912.

Messrs. Showan, Tomes & Co., General Managers, Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.

Dear Sirs,—We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of yesterday's date. We simply want a reply to our previous question whether you are prepared to accept "all or any" and if so which of the recommendations as set forth in our Report, and we suggest that, for the purpose of ascertaining how far you and we are in agreement on those recommendations, you should grant us an interview at your Office on Monday afternoon next, the 11th instant at 5 p.m., and, in order to promote absolute freedom of discussion, it would, we think, be desirable that all that passes at such meeting should be treated as absolutely confidential and without prejudice. If you would like your Solicitor to be present we are absolutely agreeable to that course.—Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) J. W. Noble, E. Osborne, H. E. Pollock.

MOTOR CAR FATALITY.

At the Magistracy, this afternoon, before Mr. Melbourne, Abdol Reshid, was charged with causing the death of a man by knocking him down with a motor car which he (defendant) was driving and which belonged to the Dragon Motor and Cycle company, on the 4th inst.

Dr. MacFarlane describing the injuries said the man was cut near the right ear, bruised on the left thigh, and his skull was fractured. It was the last named injury which caused his death.

Mr. Lauriston, the proprietor of the garage, said he thought by the damage, to the car that it had been in light corner. In the car he found a whisky bottle and a glass. He did not notice any signs of drink on the defendant though he had seen him under the influence of drink on other occasions.

DON'T FORGET.

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E. RALPHS, Director.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1912.

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MR. R. G. PIERCE, having returned to the Colony, has resumed the Duties of Headmaster.

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For terms, apply to THE HEADMASTER.

Hongkong, 6th Mar., 1912.

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VICTORIA, B.O. & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KODA, YOKOHAMA, OCHI, & YOKOHAMA ...	STAMBA MARU, Capt. K. Noji, T. 7,000 SANUKI MARU, Capt. S. Ishikawa, T. 7,000	TUESDAY, 26th March, at Noon TUESDAY, 9th April, at Noon
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE ...	NIKRO MARU, Capt. M. Yagi, T. 6,000 KOMASO MARU, Capt. M. Winkler, T. 6,000	FRIDAY, 15th March, at Noon FRIDAY, 12th April, at Noon
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA ...	KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Winkler, T. 6,000	WEDNESDAY, 13th March, at Noon
KOBE & YOKOHAMA ...	ATSUTA MARU, Capt. W. Thompson, T. 7,000	THURSDAY, 14th March, at 11 a.m.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO ...	BOMBAY MARU, Capt. T. Noguchi	MONDAY, 18th March
SHANGHAI & KOBE ...	MIKE MARU, Capt. M. Yoshikawa, T. 4,000 WAKASA MARU, Capt. N. Nakano	MONDAY, 11th March WEDNESDAY, 13th March

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KAGA MARU	7,000	M. Hagino	Apr. 10th
ATSUTA MARU	9,000	Wm. Thompson	Apr. 24th
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MANILA, ZAMBOANGA & AUSTRALIAN PORTS	"TAIYUAN" ... 13th Mar., 4 p.m.	
SHANGHAI	"CHINHUA" ... 14th Mar., 4 p.m.	
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C. Ferd. ... 2nd April

Sithosia ... 10th April

Scandia ... 26th April

Bye ... 3rd May

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S.S. "Pionier" ... 11th Mar.

For Havre, Bremen & Hamburg:

S.S. "Suevia" ... 20th Mar.

For Havre & Hamburg:

S.S. "Bjerga" ... 1st April

For Marseilles, Havre & Hamburg:

S.S. "Sachsen" ... 27th April

For Rotterdam, Hamburg & Antwerp:

S.S. "O. A. D. Ahles" 5th May

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HONGKONG—PHILIPPINES STEAMSHIP CO.

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ZAFIRO	4000	M. C. Smith	Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu	MONDAY, 1st Mar., 4 p.m.
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Hongkong 2nd March, 1912.

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Tjibodas	JAVA	1st half Mar.	SHANGHAI	1st half Mar.
Tjimabi	JAPAN	1st half Mar.	JAVA	1st half Mar.
Tjilwong	JAVA	1st half Mar.	JAPAN	2nd half Mar.
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S.S. "Nippon Maru"	11,000	A. G. Stevens	Mar. 8th, Noon
S.S. "Tenyo Maru"	21,000	E. Bent	Mar. 15th, Noon
S.S. "Shinyo Maru"	21,000	H. E. Smith	Apr. 5th, Noon
S.S. "Chiyo Maru"	21,000	W. W. Green	May 7th, Noon

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Buyo Maru	10,500	Tuesday, April 9, Noon
Hongkong Maru	11,000	Friday, June 7, Noon
Kiyo Maru	17,500	Saturday, Aug. 6, Noon

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Hongkong 16th Dec 1911.

LOG BOOK.

Inadequate Salvage Awards.

Rarely do the awards of the Judges of the Admiralty Division in respect of salvage services come under the lash of public criticism. An exception is to be noted, however, in the speech of Mr. W. W. Jones, chairman of the Field Line (Cardiff), Ltd., who addressed the shareholders at their annual meeting on Monday. The speaker referred to the services which the company's steamship Southfield rendered to the steamship Farnham off the South American coast in October, 1910, and described the award of £1,450, to the owners by Mr. Justice Baigrove Doane as "a paltry sum." A reference to the report of the action which appeared in the "Shipping Gazette" of March 13, 1911, shows that the total award of the Court was £2,200, of which £1,500—not £1,450—was given to the owners of the Southfield, £300 to the master, and £400 to the crew. The discrepancy is not really material to a consideration of Mr. Jones's arguments.

The Southfield, a steamship of 3,500 tons gross, was in ballast and her value was £22,000. The Farnham, which was aground on the Melano Shoal, represented, with cargo and freight, a risk of £36,350. She was, according to the Judge, in such shallow water that, unless a ship in light condition came to her assistance, it would be very difficult for her to get off. Then, "at the critical moment," the Southfield came up. The Judge said:—

I am told by the Elder Brethren that the master of the Southfield showed great seamanship in the way in which he manoeuvred, and eventually got her off. The wind was increasing, and by the evening of the 4th it was blowing a strong gale. If that vessel had not been got off at the time in question, the Court is of opinion that she would have had a very good chance of never getting off at all. She probably would have bumped more heavily as the water made; she probably would have got water into her engine-room, and then it was all up with her. So far as we know, nobody came near her—nobody, except this one vessel, the Southfield—to get her off; and she did get off, as I say, in a workmanlike and seamanlike manner.

We cite the judgment of the learned Judge because it is Mr. Jones's case that the award is "a paltry sum for what was" "admittedly valuable and admirable service, rendered in the most skillful way." Perhaps there is a natural disposition on the part of salvors to overrate the value of their efforts. On the other hand, their views are undoubtedly of weight when they make such declarations as that of which the Chairman of the Field Line now delivers himself. He says: "Under no similar circumstances would we consent to endanger our property, as in that case, to damage, and possibly total loss, by making any efforts, or wasting our time in making an effort, to save much property." In other words, the Field Line steamers will not hesitate to try and save life, but it is not worth their while to save property. The conclusion, whether justified or not, is a very unfortunate one, and will be read with regret by underwriters more especially.

The Suez Canal.

During the year 1911, 4,900 vessels passed through the Suez Canal and the dues collected amounted to 134,010,000 francs, against 129,730,000 francs collected in 1910 from 4,533 vessels. On the first day of the new year the rate of canal dues was reduced to 8.75 francs per ton, in accordance with the decision come to at the last annual meeting of the Suez Canal Company, held June 12, 1911.

COMMERCIAL.

Shanghai Companies.

The following is from the "N.C. Daily News"—It is a remarkable fact that few of the public companies in Shanghai can be said to have made steady progress or paid steady returns to the shareholders, whatever the nature of the business. Only too many industrial companies, in the honorific sense of the term, have been fruitless from the shareholders' point of view, and in some cases the more the capital added or the debentures issued the worse position the company is in. It would be inaccurate to bring sweeping charges of incapacity against the several managements, but in certain cases such an accusation must undoubtedly hold.

It can hardly be denied that the total of the returns to shareholders from industrial companies promoted in Shanghai has been, with few exceptions, extremely inadequate, although there is nothing like the stress of competition that one finds in other business centres, except perhaps in the case of hotel companies and stores. If this is not a case of inefficient management it must be careless management, for as a rule the shareholders are apathetic and the few holder spirits are easily cowed into silence.

Japan's Finances.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Bank of Japan, Baron Tokuhashi sounded a note of warning against unduly optimistic or pessimistic estimates of the economic situation in Japan. The past year has been one of cheap money in Japan, and enterprise in the country has not progressed in the expected ratio. Revolution in China, the threatened scarcity of the rice crop and the decline in the price of silk have been serious impediments to the economic development of Japan in the past year. The people are not over-prosperous or have a light burden of taxation. Industry still needs state protection. The outlook on the whole is not cheerful, nor is it incapable of improvement.

On the other hand it is a very happy circumstance that the rice crop will not prove short, as it was expected it would. The position in the silk trade is improving, and there is every probability of an increase in exports this year. Affairs in China are resuming normal conditions, and the field for Japanese manufactures will no longer be closed. Above all, the efforts to reduce taxation will bear fruit in that there has been retrenchment in military and naval expenditure.

HAMLET.

A Forbes Robertson Reminiscence.

Mr. Forbes Robertson, who is still triumphantly progressing through America, has confided to an interviewer in San Francisco the details of his first appearance as "Hamlet." "It was Bernard Shaw," he said, "who first made me think seriously of playing Hamlet. London, at the time, had seen so many Hamlets that I doubted whether it would stand another, and, to tell the truth, I was a little afraid of trying the part. But Shaw, and then Irving, were so encouraging that at last I determined to venture."

Irving helped me most generously at rehearsals. He used to sit about in the wings whispering "Don't give it all away, my boy, don't give it all away," which was his way of warning me to reserve my strength for the last act.

"Never shall I forget the morning after the first performance. My mother, who had been up betimes anxiously scanning all the newspapers for their criticisms of my effort, crept into my room and awakened me saying, 'It's all right, my son, it's all right. Every-one likes it.' And I turned over and went to sleep again happy in the knowledge of my success."

To day's Advertisements

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. FROM EUROPE.

HE H. A. L. Steamship

"BELGRAVIA" Captain Hildebrandt, having arrived. Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained against Bills of Lading countersigned by the Under-signed.

Optional Cargo will be carried on unless notice to the contrary be given to-day.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 14th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 14th inst., at 9.30 a.m.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

This steamer brings cargo Ex s.s. "August" from Stettin.

"Perna" "Pau" "President" Linde" from New York.

Ex s.s. "Germania" from Gdansk.

"Emma" "Stettin" "Schnell" "Schnell" "So" from Hamburg.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1912. [12]

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IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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All claims must reach us before the 21st of March, 1912, or they will not be recognized.

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This steamer brings Cargo Ex s.s. "Barbadoes" from Catania via Port Said.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELCHERS & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1912. [12]

NOTICES

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

URING my absence and until further notice Mr. MOWBRAY STAFFORD NORTHCOTE has been appointed ACTING SECRETARY.

By Order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th Feb., 1912. [107]

THOSE wishing to enter for the SOLDIERS' CLUB CRICKET AND FOOTBALL CHALLENGE SHIELD, Competitions should notify Mr. THORNHILL of the Soldiers' Club.

Entrance Fee \$5.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1912. [213]

DURING the temporary absence on leave of Mr. J. HELMERS, Mr. E. LUND will be in charge of our Canton branch.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1912. [219]

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

(CAPITAL PAID UP, \$1,250,000.)

Loans on Mortgage of House Property &c.

Goods received on Storage.

Advances made on Merchandise.

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THE OFFICE OF TRUSTEE, EXECUTOR OF WILLS, ATTORNEY, &c., Undertaken and Executed.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1912. [22]

Consignees

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"PRINZ SIGISMUND."

having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before noon to-day requesting it to be landed here.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 14th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 14th inst., at 9.30 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the 18th of March, 1912, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELCHERS & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1912. [17]

"SEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM LEITH, LONDON AND STRAITS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 14th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 14th inst., at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1912. [211]

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "CHIYO MARU."

From SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU, and JAPAN PORTS.

The above-named steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of Cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on THURSDAY, the 7th inst., at 5 p.m. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense and delivery must then be taken from Company's Godown.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No Claims will be recognized after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered on MONDAY, the 11th inst., afternoon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All chafed and otherwise damaged Cargo to be left on board or godown and examination of same to be arranged.

All claims must be filed on or before the 18th inst., otherwise they will not be recognized.

K. MATSUDA, Agent.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1912. [217]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "WILLESDEN."

FROM TACOMA, SEATTLE, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

DODWELL & CO., LD., Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd March, 1912. [222]

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